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Executive Order

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Mr. W. E. Colby  
Executive Director-Comptroller  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

I acknowledge your letter, along with recent telephone communications from the Agency, informing me of the action to declassify the Office of Training publication Intelligence for National Policy, with certain exceptions. You do not specify the exceptions in your letter, but you say that I know what they are. I cannot understand why you choose to be indirect when you could be explicit. The information given me over the phone is that the exceptions are the last two chapters of the publication.

These two chapters deal with issues of public policy relating to the appropriate role of intelligence in a democratic society. When the manuscript was in the clearance process, I encountered objection in some quarters to my addressing these issues. I encountered no objection on grounds that the chapters contained classified information.

I have had no communication from the Agency, either oral or written, that specifies the grounds for the decision to keep these two chapters classified.

I wish to confirm the statement made in your letter that I do not intend to publish the study. Whatever the legalities of the matter, my feeling is that the Agency paid for the study and has proprietary rights to it. I hope you will in time authorize declassification of the whole study.

Respectfully,

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*Despite the imprecision  
I suggest that  
this closes the  
subject - Agree? -*

*WFE*

(DATE)

Executive Director

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"upshot" at the  
request of L. Hunter.*

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